institutional mechanism for dealing with industrial sickness and rehabilitating sick units so as to protect the interest of workers.

Amendments in Industrial Dispute Act

3719. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for amendments to Section 2(a) of the Industrial Disputes Act and Section 22 of the Trade Unions Act to boost up exports from the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon as Apparel Export Park set up near Hyderabad find practical difficulty in boosting export in view of the provisions and drawbacks in the Acts *ibid?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Various amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 are proposed based on the requirements of the social partners and in consonance with economic reforms. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to await enactment of the amendments to this Act by the Parliament.

Since the amendment proposals to the Trade Unions Act, 1926 are under consideration of the Parliament, the proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh could await the passage of the Bill and its enactment by the Parliament.

Unit cost for rehabilitation of freed bonded labourers

3720. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from the Andhra Pradesh Government to enhance the unit cost for rehabilitation of freed bonded labourers from Rs. 10,(XXV- to Rs. 50,000/; and